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SUBJECT: VISIT OF YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. YUGOSLAVIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY MILOS MINIC VISITED DAR ES SALAAM
FEBRUARY 14-16. MINIC MET WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, PRIME MINISTER
EDWARD SOKOINE, FOREIGN MINISTER BENJAMEIN MKAPA, OAU LIBERATION
COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY COL. HASHIM MBITA, REPRESENTATIVES
OF PATRIOTIC FRONT'S ROBERT MUGABE, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER TANZANIAN
DIGNITARIES. PUBLIC STATEMENTS, JOINT COMMUNIQUE, ETC. WERE
EXERCISES IN MUTUAL ADMIRATION, FLESHED OUT WITH STANDARD BROMIDES
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ABOUT NON-ALIGNMENT, LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, MIDDLE-EAST,
NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER, INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE, ETC.
TANZANIAN FONMIN MKAPA ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA
SOMEDAY. EMBOFF DISCUSSED VISIT FEBRUARY 24 WITH BRANKO VEMIC,
FIRST SECRETARY AT YUGOSLAV EMBASSY. ACCORDING VEMIC, PRINCIPAL
SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WERE WITH NYERERE AND MKAPA, AND CONSISTED
PRIMARILY OF YGOSLAV BRIEFING ON EUROPEAN SITUATION AND YUGOSLAV

ROLE IN IT, AND DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. BRIEFING: VEMIC SAID MINIC BRIEFED NYERERE ON CURRENT EUROPEAN SITUATION, INCLUDING YUGOSLAV DIFFERENCES WITH SOVIET UNION AND UPCOMING EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE. HE SAID NYERERE WELL UNDERSTANDS YUGOSLAVIA'S ROLE AS AN ESSENTIALLY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY.

3. SOUTHERN AFRICA: MINIC AND NYERERE DISCUSSED CURRENT SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION AND AGREED, ACCORDING TO VEMIC, ON MOST POINTS. MOST URGENT QUESTION AT MOMENT WAS RHODESIA; ON NAMIBIA NOT MUCH COULD BE DONE AT THIS TIME. GENEVA TALKS SHOULD BE PUT BACK ON THE TRACKS. BRITAIN HAD NOT ACTED EFFECTIVELY IN HANDLING GENEVA TALKS; THE US SHOULD THEREFORE TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE. WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS GREATER US PRESSURE ON BOTH SOUTH AFRICA AND BRITAIN, FOLLOWED BY JOINT PRESSURE AGAINST RHODESIA. BLAMING EVERYTHING ON SMITH'S INTRANSIGENCE WAS OVERSIMPLIFYING.

4. ACCORDING TO VEMIC, NYERERE EXPOUNDED HIS REASONS FOR RECOGNIZING PATRIOTIC FRONT. VEMIC SAID THAT YUGOSLAVS WERE NOT HAPPY WITH FRONT LINE GRANTING OF EXCLUSIVE RECOGNITION TO PATRIOTIC FRONT, ON GROUNDS THAT IT EXCLUDED GROUPS WHICH WERE REAL FACTORS AND COULD NOT BE IGNORED, BUT HE DID NOT SUGGEST THAT MINIC HAD ARGUES THE QUESTION WITH NYERERE.

5. UNITED STATES. ACCORDING TO VEMIC, NYERERE AND TANZANIANS HAVE GREAT HOPES FOR NEW AMERICAN INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, IN PART BECUASE OF VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG. HOWEVER, HE SAID, TANZANIANS ARE ALSO WORRIED THAT US MAY NOT BE CONFIDENTIAL

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ABLE TO PRODUCE AS MUCH AS IT APPEARS TO BE PROMISING.

6. BILATERAL RELATIONS. VEMIC SAID VISIT BROUGHT NOTHING MUCH NEW IN TERMS OF BILATERAL YUGOSLAV-TANZANIAN RELATIONS. YUGOSLAVIA'S AID CONSISTS MOSTLY OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND TRAINING -- THERE ARE SOME 30 TANZANIANS STUDYING IN YUGOSLAVIA AT THE MOMENT -- AND IS LIKELY TO GO ON AT ABOUT ITS PRESENT LEVEL OF \$10 - 15,000,000. ACCORDING VEMIC, YUGOSLAV ABILITIES IN THIS AREA ARE RESTRICTED BY THE LIMITED FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, SINCE MOST YUGOSLAV FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS CONDUCTED AT REGIONAL LEVEL ON PURELY COMMERCIAL BASIS.

7. COMMENTING GENERALLY, VEMIC SAID YUGOSLAVIA VIEWS TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA AS KEYS TO STABILITY AND MODERATION IN AFRICA, AND THUS HAS ESTABLISHED VERY CLOSE RELATIONS WITH BOTH OF THEM, THOUGH BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH ZAMBIA ARE MORE EXTENSIVE THAN WITH TANZANIA. MINIC VISIT REPRESENTED YUGOSLAV INTEREST IN AFRICA; VISITS TO ZAMBIA AND MADAGASCAR SOULD BE SIMILAR IN PURPOSE TO THE TANZANIAN TRIP.

COMMENTS: VEMIC HAS LONG CULTIVATED CLOSE RELATIONS WITH AMERICANS, AND ALWAYS STRESSES YUGOSLAVIA'S "MODERATION", ITS IDEOLOGICAL AND PRACTICAL DIFFERENCES FROM SOVIET SYSTEM, AND ITS BELIEF IN THE URGENT NECESSITY OF RAPID SOLUTIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO FORESTALL EMERGENCE OF RADICAL AND DESTRUCTIVE REGIMES. HIS ACCOUNT OF VISIT IS LIKELY TO REFLECT YUGOSLAV VIEWS AS MUCH AS WHAT TANZANIANS ACTUALLY SAID, AN EXAMPLE MAY BE HIS SUGGESTION THAT MINIC AND NYERERE AGREED THAT NOTHING MUCH COULD BE DONE ABOUT NAMIBIA AT THIS TIME; OUR EXPERIENCE IS THAT NYERERE ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO PROMPT ACTION ON NAMIBIA. SPAIN

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